Live Fire Training and Instructor Conference

Emergency Services Training (EST) continues to work with various organizations to provide more and better access to training. Here are two examples of things we are working on:

• EST and the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) are planning a joint Live-Fire Weekend March 13 & 14, 2004. Both states have made plans to bring mobile live-fire props in to support this training. EST plans to host Flashover Survival live-fire training both days in Fruitland, Idaho and DPSST will be hosting Flammable Liquids and Gasses live-fire training in Ontario, Oregon. These two sites are just across the Snake River from each other. Idaho firefighters will be able to attend both training activities on alternate days. Oregon firefighters will have the same opportunity.

EST and DPSST have made arrangements to cover all costs for this joint training event. There will be NO COST to attend either or both of these training opportunities. ALL Idaho departments sending participants must have a current Certificate of Insurance showing proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance on file with EST **prior to the start of the training.**

The contact for both training events is Russ Warden, Payette Fire Department, (208) 642-6028.

Pre-registration is required to make sure sufficient materials and instructors are available to support both training events.

• EST is working with the Training Officers Division of the Idaho Fire Chiefs and the Treasure Valley Training Officers Association to plan the Annual Instructor Conference being held in Boise this year. The dates will be May 21 through 28, 2004. The conference is being hosted by Boise State University on their campus. Dorm rooms and meals at the cafeteria will be available at very reasonable rates for those wishing accommodations. We plan to offer several different tracks of training for instructors including a T-t-T in the Fire Officer curriculum that has been adopted in Idaho. Training will vary from one-day to three-day sessions, depending on the curriculum being handed off. Please continue to watch the web site for the Conference announcement which will be posted as soon as arrangements are finalized.